

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS  
WEEK OF 11/30/17

MAJOR MILESTONE REPORT

Confirmed Dates:

Likely in November

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Likely in December

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- Issue permit modification public notice for the Landfarms Closure Plan at the Hovensa Refinery, St. Croix, USVI.  
(CASD – Nidal Azzam)

Likely in February

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## CLEAN AIR AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION

### Hot Issues:

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**Limetree Bay Terminal, St. Croix, Virgin Islands:** On November 9, 2017, Limetree Bay Terminals, LLC (LBT) representatives met with the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) to discuss Limetree's proposal to restart parts of the old HOVENSA operations and to construct 2 new projects. Subsequent to that meeting, the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) scheduled a briefing for the incoming Assistant Administrator for Air, which is currently scheduled for December 7. Attorneys representing

LBT have sent OAR a letter requesting that EPA amend their Consent Decree by mid-December to allow LBT to proceed with: (1) a single-point mooring (SPM) project; (2) a refinery restart project; and (3) a renewable biodiesel production project.

Key OAR policy issues that need EPA decision include:

- Reactivation policy applicability (refinery restart project) [Limetree believes that the policy does not apply]
- Ability to use “project netting” for a project that only involves existing emissions units (refinery restart project). [Limetree believes that it should be allowed to project net]
- Project aggregation (refinery restart and renewable diesel projects). [Limetree believes that they are separate projects]
- Confirmation that SPM is part of the existing docks emissions unit and not separately a new emissions unit. [Limetree believes that it is an existing unit]

CASD, DECA, CEPD and ORC are coordinating on this project since it involves air permitting and Limetree is seeking a modification to their Consent Decree in order to proceed with their proposed projects.

Past Week:

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Upcoming:

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CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Past Week:

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**Limetree Bay:** The Corps of Engineers published a public notice for the construction/installation of a single point mooring and underwater fuel transfer system at Limetree Bay, on the south coast of St. Croix, USVI. The project area is part of the former Hovensa Oil Terminal Facility. The purpose of the project is to allow very large fuel carriers (requiring depths of -76 feet) to enter the existing channel and discharge fuel without the need to transfer the fuel to smaller vessels (fuel lightering). The project area is approximately 4.33 acres, of which 1.65 acres support corals that have been listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). After an initial review of the available information, a number of questions remain, including concerns over the potential dragging impacts from the large mooring chain, the removal of hard limestone and possibly bedrock as part of the required dredging, safety requirements, lack of a NEPA document to assess alternatives, etc. Moreover, while the applicant has proposed to relocate the corals, a number of questions regarding this translocation and its impact on the species have not been addressed. After coordination with the Water Management Division and the Environmental Review Section at CASD, it was determined that a 15-day time extension would be requested in order to review all supplemental information available from the applicant and the Corps of Engineers. This course of action will allow EPA to provide substantive comments on the project and its possible impacts to water quality and special aquatic sites in the area. The letter requesting this extension, which is to be signed by the RA, is undergoing concurrence. The response is due on December 8, 2017.

**Other Items of Special Interest:**

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**CLEAN WATER DIVISION**

**Hot issues:**

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**Past Week:**

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Upcoming:

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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

Upcoming:

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ASSESSMENT

Past Week:

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Upcoming:

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Other Items of Special Interest:

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EMERGENCY REMEDIATION AND RESPONSE DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Past week:

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Other Items of Special Interest:

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OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

No Highlights this week

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OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL

Hot Issues:

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Upcoming:

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

Past Week:

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Other items of Special Interest:

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Past Week:

**not responsive**

News Releases Issued This Week:

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- **not responsive**

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Upcoming Week:

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